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PADSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1965.

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1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

R.G. Estimate of Mid Year Population	2,590
Area in Acres	3,340
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,045
Rateable Value	£77,733
Product of Penny Rate	£315
Comparability Factors. Births	1.09
Deaths	0.80

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

Live Births, 1965.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	27	21	48
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	27	21	48

Birth Rate per 1,000 population	18.57
Birth Rate. England & Wales per 1,000 pop.	18.1
Comparable Birth Rate	20.2

Stillbirths.

One legitimate male still birth was recorded.

Deaths.

Registered Deaths, 1965.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	13	7	20

Crude death rate per 1,000 population	7.7
Death Rate, England & Wales	11.5
Comparable Death Rate	6.16

Of the twenty registered deaths recorded, only four occurred below the age of 65 years.

There were no infant deaths recorded.

The major causes of death were Heart Disease 9 and Cerebrovascular disease 3.






11. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. Hospitals. General medical and surgical services were supplied mainly by the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, with outpatient facilities at Newquay and Bodmin for all the major specialities. Facilities for the treatment of mental illness was available at the St. Lawrence's Hospital, Bodmin. Ante-natal and Gynaecological outpatient facilities were provided in Wadebridge on County Council premises, with hospital services at Redruth.
2. Laboratory Services. Routine public health samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Services Centre in Truro.
3. Local Authority Services.
  - (a) Ambulance Service. The principle source of hospital transport is provided by the Main Station in Bodmin, supported by the Detachment of the British Red Cross Society in Padstow. Transport to outpatients when needed was provided by the County Council vehicles, or by the Voluntary Car Service. The service was adequate during the year.
  - (b) Home Nursing, Midwifery & Health Visiting. Two nurses undertook combined duties in Padstow and Trevone. Twenty domiciliary confinements were attended during 1965. Twenty seven births took place in hospital.
  - (c) Infant Welfare. Advice on infant care was given by the nurses, supported by the Infant Welfare Centre, held each month in the Church Hall. Also available were all the current protective inoculations. The average attendance at the centre was 19.7 per session.
  - (d) Vaccination & Immunisation. Protective inoculations against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, smallpox and poliomyelitis were available at the Infant Welfare Centre or the Family Doctor. Booster doses were given in schools, and protection against tuberculosis was available to children entering County Secondary Schools.
  - (e) Home Help Service. Domestic help was supplied by seven spare time home-helps, assisting some eight families. The majority of cases were elderly and infirm.
  - (f) Voluntary Services. The Family Planning Association hold two clinics per month in Wadebridge on the County Council premises. The application of the intra-uterine device became available during the year.

111. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies. The supplying authority for water was the North Cornwall Water Board, whose De Lank Works was the major source of supply. The town's supply was supplemented by the local source at Crackrattle when insufficient quantity was available from De Lank. Forty samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, and all were reported to be satisfactory. Five samples were submitted from the local supply to Hawker's Cove, and one was reported to be polluted. A request was made to the Board for an extension of mains to the houses at Hawker's Cove. The average Ph of the main supply was neutral and the water was not regarded as plumbo solvent. Some twenty five houses were not connected to the mains supply.



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Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. Crude sewage is still discharged into the Camel Estuary at all times of the tide, from several outfalls. The Trevone sewer discharges untreated sewage to a sea outfall. This received some damage during the winter gales. Consulting engineers are still investigating various schemes for the provision of adequate arrangements in the district, including joining with the new service under construction by the Wadebridge Rural District Council for St. Merryn parish.

Refuse Disposal. An extension of the lease to March, 1967, at Credis permitted the Council to continue to deposit refuse at this site. Although only partially controlled, the site gave rise to no serious complaint during the year.

Caravan Sites. No additional provisions were made for caravans during 1965. Holidaymakers continued to use indiscriminately, the verges and lay-bys in the district for overnight stays, with some resulting nuisance.

Public Health Inspection.

Summary of Visits.

House Inspections (Not Council)	...	10
Food Premises	...	11
Milk and Dairies	...	1
Sewerage	...	19
Caravan Sites	...	1
Food & Drugs	...	4
Pig Food Plant	...	1
Rodents	...	7
Water supplies	...	3
Others	...	10

1V. FOOD & DRUGS.

Milk and Ice Cream. Seven retail distributors of milk were registered during the year, and ten premises were registered for the sale of ice-cream.

V. FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS.

There were six factories registered. No visits of inspection were made during the year, and no complaints were received regarding the premises.

V1. HOUSING.

No new houses were built by the Council during 1965. Thirty were completed by private enterprise. One dwelling was represented under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957. No formal notices were served to secure repairs.

V11. OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES.

Staff changes and deficiencies made it impossible to undertake appropriate inspections of these premises during 1965.





V111. PREVALENCE & CONTROL OF  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notified Infectious Diseases in 1965:-

Measles	...	43
Food Poisoning		2

There were no new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified, and the remaining case on the register has been discharged. The register, however, is not completely empty as one male non-pulmonary case was notified, but this does not appear to be of recent origin. The position concerning tuberculosis in the Urban District would appear to be very satisfactory.

The year's immunisation figures are as follows:-

Triple vaccine	75%
Poliomyelitis	62.5%
Smallpox	15%

The figures are a slight improvement on 1964.

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In conclusion, may I express my thanks to the Council and Staff for their continued help throughout the year.

Your obedient servant,

JOHN REED.

